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JOHN H. DARRAH,

Representative from Lucas county, was born in Wenona, Marshall county, Illinois, January 1, 1874. His parents were Scotch-Irish, coming to America in 1857 and settling in Illinois. He removed with his parents to Adams county, Iowa, in 1876, where his parents still reside. He became a resident of Lucas county in 1896, entering the mercantile business in Chariton. Attended graded schools until he was twelve years of age, after which time he worked upon his father's farm with the exception of a few months each winter when he attended the Corning Academy. At the age of twenty he entered a store as clerk and at the end of one year was placed in charge of a branch store at Cumberland, in Cass county. He afterward bought this small stock of goods and removed it to Chariton, where he opened a small notion store which he has developed into the largest department store in Lucas county. He was elected a member of the city council in 1904 and in the fall of 1905 was elected to the Legislature to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Eli Manning. Re-elected in November, 1906. Served during the Thirty-first and Thirty-second General Assemblies. A Republican in politics.